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Review of 201 File on U.S. Citizen

In accordance with the DDO's notice of 9 December 1974,
I have reviewed the 201 file on McLENDON (surname)
(201 number indicated below), and have determined that it can
most accurately be categorized as indicated below:

- ☐ should be closed.
- ☒ witting collaborator. OI Code A1.
- ☐ potential witting collaborator; date opened _____
OI Code A2.
- ☐ former witting collaborator (relationship terminated).
OI Code A3.
- ☐ potential witting collaborator never contacted (security
reasons, derogatory information). OI Code A4.
- ☐ counterintelligence case (i.e., involving a foreign
intelligence or security service). OI Code A5.
- ☐ all others. OI Code A6.

Signed SAM H. GIRARDI IP/ANP
(name) (title) (component)

This assignment of category has been entered into STAR.

Signed SK 6 Jan 1975
(initials) (date)

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3 May 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: John K. McLean

1. On 28 April the undersigned was introduced to Mr. John McLean by Mr. Wallace Lampshire, a staff officer. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Mr. McLean's connection with Mr. Gordon Barton McLendon (201-79764) and Mr. McLendon's stated desire to help his government.

2. Mr. McLean is a former staff officer (DDI/OCI) who resigned to enter the field of finance.

3. Mr. McLendon was born in Paris, Texas 8 June 1921 and now lives in Dallas. According to Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Mr. McLendon is the owner of a number of radio stations and is listed as the president of numerous companies in radio, TV, and motion picture theatre fields. Mr. McLendon is reputedly a multi-millionaire.

4. Mr. McLean and Mr. McLendon have maintained a friendship since their years at Yale. Mr. McLean recently visited Mr. McLendon at his ranch some thirty miles from Dallas. During this visit Mr. McLendon expressed his fears of the future of the dollar and said that he has moved millions of his dollars to Europe where the money has been put into Swiss and French francs, plus German marks. Most of the money is apparently in savings instruments of one kind or another plus a night club that Mr. McLendon has bought in Stockholm. During these conversations, Mr. McLendon wondered if these foreign operations might not be of interest to the Government (read CIA as Mr. McLendon was an ONI officer during WW II and is aware of Mr. McLean's former employment with the Agency.) Mr. McLendon mentioned his night club as a possibility, as it is frequented by persons of many countries, including the USSR.

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5. Mr. McLean has business interests in Dallas and said that he is willing to explore this possibility with Mr. McLendon if we provide guidance.

6. Mr. McLean himself perhaps offers more potential [redacted] is seeking venture capital opportunities abroad. For example, he and a [redacted] are working with [redacted] a firm seeking to export to the States. Mr. McLean was frank to say that [redacted] is more a dream than a reality in terms of business but the concern is making progress. Mr. McLean offered to be of any assistance.

Comment: I have sent for Mr. McLean's file and upon its receipt I will seek a PCSA.

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CCS/CFB

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BRIEF RECORD OF CASE ACTION			
ITEM	DATE	REMARKS	INITIALS

MINUTE SHEET	This MUST be the TOP, unserialized document in File Number 201-
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FORM NO. 78 REPLACES FORM 50-30
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17 February 1966

Date

Memorandum For: DO/SFC (for Mr. Beers)

Reference : Request for traces and clearance

Project : WUCONTREX

Subject : See below

NAME: McLendon, Gordon Barton
DOB: 8 June 1921, Paris, Texas
CIT: USA
RES: 9300 Douglas St., Dallas, Texas
ORG: McLendon Broadcast System
ADD: 2104 Jackson St., Dallas, Texas

Trace Results:

No record in addition to 201-79764 which is attached herewith on permanent charge to DO/CO/Beers.

CI/CA file JG-9545 was reviewed and found to contain no information in addition to that contained in Subject's dossier. You will note that a request made by FE Division for a CSC on Subject was denied by the Office of Security on 29 July 1952.

Areas Checked:

RID ☒ Area Division ☐ Central Cover Staff ☒ Office of Security ☐

OCR: Micrographics Register ☐ Foreign Installations Branch ☐ Library ☐

Other ☐

Form 772 requesting PCSA/CSA ☐ was forwarded ☐ to (Security) ~~(SI/SA)~~

A copy of this memorandum has been sent to RID for classification into file ☐

Bernard A. Smith
DO/CS

Attachment: 201-79764

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OR INVESTIGATIVE ACTION (Always handcarry 1 copy of this form) PLEASE COMPLETE EACH SECTION AND APPROPRIATE BLANK		DATE 30 December 1965	
TO:	CI/OPERATIONAL APPROVAL AND SUPPORT DIVISION	FROM:	DO/DO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHIEF, INVESTIGATION AND SUPPORT DIVISION, OFFICE OF SECURITY		
	CHIEF, PERSONNEL SECURITY DIVISION, OFFICE OF SECURITY		
SUBJECT: (True name)	McLendon / Gordon Barton	PROJECT	WENTREE
CRYPTONYM, PSEUDONYM, AKA OR ALIASES		CI/DA FILE NO.	
		CI/DA FILE NO.	SO FILE NO.
1. TYPE ACTION REQUESTED			
<input type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL OPERATIONAL APPROVAL		<input type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL PROPRIETARY APPROVAL	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL COVERT SECURITY APPROVAL		<input type="checkbox"/> COVERT NAME CHECK	
<input type="checkbox"/> COVERT SECURITY APPROVAL		<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL INQUIRY (SO field investigation)	
<input type="checkbox"/> CONTRACT TYPE A		<input type="checkbox"/> CONTRACT TYPE B	
2. SPECIFIC AREA OF USE US			
3. FULL DETAILS OF USE Subject will be contacted and assessed on a witting basis in support of WENTREE. Subject is President of McLendon Corporation of Dallas, Texas and is also owner of several radio stations. He was born in Paris, Texas on 8 June 1921. He resides at 9300 Douglas Street, Dallas, Texas and has a ranch in Denton, Texas. During World War II, he served as a Japanese Language Officer in intelligence for the US Navy from 1943-45. He is the author of "The Old Scotsman's Scrapbook"			
4. INVESTIGATION AND COVER		YES	NO
A. U.S. GOVERNMENT INTEREST MAY BE SHOWN DURING INVESTIGATION?			X
B. CIA INTEREST MAY BE SHOWN DURING INVESTIGATION?			X
C. IS SUBJECT AWARE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN HIM?			X
D. IS SUBJECT AWARE OF CIA INTEREST IN HIM?			X
E. INDICATE ANY LIMITATIONS ON COVERAGE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT.			
F. SUGGEST "COVER PRETEXT" TO BE USED IN CONDUCTING PERSONAL INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT.			
G. DO YOU PLAN TO MAKE SUBJECT WITTING OF AGENCY OR GOVERNMENT INTEREST?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
IF NO INVESTIGATION OUTSIDE CIA, EXPLAIN FULLY			
5. PRO AND GREEN LIST STATUS			
PRO I, OR EQUIVALENT, IN (2) COPIES ATTACHED		PRO II WILL BE FORWARDED	
PRO II, OR EQUIVALENT, IN (1) COPY ATTACHED		GREEN LIST ATTACHED, NO	
6. RI TRACES			
NO RECORD	WILL FORWARD	NON-DEROGATORY	DEROGATORY ATTACHED
7. DIVISION TRACES			
NO RECORD	WILL FORWARD	NON-DEROGATORY	DEROGATORY ATTACHED
8. FIELD TRACES			
NO RECORD	WILL FORWARD		
NO DEROGATORY INFO.	DEROGATORY ATTACHED		
LIST SOURCES CHECKED	SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION ATTACHED		
NOT INITIATED (Explain)			
SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER Peter Boers		EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF BRANCH CHIEF William A Royer

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FORM NO. 867 REPLACES FORM 767, 1 MAR 54
1 MAY 56 AND FORM 137 DATED 1954 OBSOLETE.

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24 May 1954

ATTN:

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Chief, FS

Disposition of Files

1. Forwarded herewith for your disposition are thirty-eight (38) files, considered non-restricted by ME, for the following listed ~~on the left~~ ~~date of birth~~ ~~date of birth~~

One Lendon, Gordon Barton about 1922 - Atlanta / Texas / Delaware / Okla

2. Subjects are no longer in use by this office.

Originated by: Ursa T. Sharp

FOR: GEORGE E. A. HILL
Chief, FS

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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29 JUL 1952

Chief, Staff C
Attention: Staff C/SPB
Chief, Special Security Division

JO 925
#69488

McLendon, Gordon Barton

1. Reference is made to your request for a covert security clearance for the Subject, who is the president of a company which will provide accreditation in Japan to a contract agent of this organization.

2. This is to advise that the covert security clearance, as requested, is hereby denied.

FOR THE SECURITY OFFICER, CIA:

Robert H. Cunningham

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Security Information

17 July 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, I & S

VIA : FE/PT
SEC/SFB

SUBJECT : Gordon Barton McLendon

1. It is requested that the case on Gordon Barton McLendon be closed, since this office has no further interest in Subject.
2. The request for covert security clearance on Mr. McLendon was submitted on 11 February 1942.

LLOYD GEORGE
Chief, FI

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MEMORANDUM TO: OD/CP/Sec

11 February 1952

FROM: FE/III/PC

SUBJECT: Gordon Barton McLendon

1. Covert Clearance, for use as outlined below, it is requested for Subject, on whom available information is submitted separately.

___ Op. Clearance XX Security Clearance ___ Op. Support ___ Sp. Inquiry

2. Use of Subject: (State in detail the scope and nature of activities to be performed, their duration, the area involved, project involved, etc.)

Subject is the president of a company which will provide accreditation in Japan to a contract agent of this organization. It is not expected that subject will learn of the agent's connection with this organization, however, clearance is requested to so in form subject of the connection if the need may arise at a later date. Subject will know nothing of operations conducted by this agent, only that ~~he~~ he is connected with CIA.

3. "Cover" story suggested for investigation: ___ Governmental XX Commercial

Details: General Credit ___ Other

4. Limits, if any, to investigation: None

5. Is Subject aware that an investigation is in process: Yes ___ No X

6. Is Subject aware of CIA interest? Yes ___ No X

7. Has Subject been briefed on "cover" story? Yes ___ No X

8. Has Subject established "cover" for investigation with probable contacts? Yes ___ No X

9. Is Prov. Operational Clearance necessary? Yes ___ No X

10. Investigation to be XX Routine ___ Expedite
Must be completed by: 1 June 1952

11. REMARKS:

Case Officer - Lowell A. Christy

Security Officer

Branch Chief James G. L. Kellie

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TO: ASST. DEPUTY (INSPECTION & SECURITY)

Date: _____

FROM: CD/OP/OPS (Security)

J.G.: _____

SUBJECT:

1. Necessary covert investigation is requested on Subject on whom all available background data is submitted separately. Information and/or clearance is requested for case category as follows:

Operational Cl. ☒ Security Cl. ☐ Sp. Inquiry ☐ Operational Support ☐

2. Name of Special Project (if applicable): ☒ DTMIKADO

3. Investigation to be completed as: ☒ Routine ☐ Expedite
by not later than 1 June 1952.

4. Scope and nature of use or activity:

Subject is the president of a company which will provide ~~cover~~ accreditation in Japan to a contract agent of this organization. It is not expected that subject will learn of the agent's connection with this organization, however.

5. Suggested "cover" for investigation: ☐ Governmental ☐ Commercial
☐ Other
Specific:

6. Limitations, if any, on investigation:

7. Subject HAS/HAS NOT been briefed that investigation is pending.

8. Subject HAS/HAS NOT been briefed on "cover" story to be used in investigation.

9. Subject HAS/HAS NOT indicated to probable investigative contacts investigation pending.

10. Subject HAS/HAS NOT indicated to probable investigative contacts "cover" story to be used.

11. CIA indices checks required for provisional operational clearance by

(date)

12. REMARKS:

JOHN P. BREWER

Name- Gordon Barton McLendon

Address-9300 Douglas, Dallas Texas

Place of Birth-Atlanta Texas (dabellie) Oklahoma-age 30

Military History-1942 Entered Navy Japanese Language School, Boulder, Colo.

1943- Graduated Navy Japanese Lang. School

1944-Commissioned US Navy Assigned as Intelligence Officer, ONI/.

Discharged as Lt(JG)

Education-Graduated Yale University

1946-attended Harvard Law School

Wife's Name-Gay Noe (Daughter of James A. Noe former Gov. of Louisiana)

Subject has four children.

Present Occupation- President of Liberty Broadcasting System.

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ABSTRACT OF DOCUMENT BEING CROSS FILED			CROSS FILED BY	
FILE NO. JG-9545	SOURCE STC/SPB	DATE OF DOCUMENT XXXX	ANALYST XXXX	
SUBJECT McLENDON, Gordon Barton Born: Atlanta, Texas/Jalatlilla, Oklahoma, age 30 (in 1952)			DATE 26 Jan 55	
PERTINENT INFORMATION <p>THERE IS A RESTRICTED STC/SPB FOLDER ON THE SUBJECT OF THIS 201 HELD IN RI/AR FILE, WASH-CIA-PERS-4.</p>				
CROSS REFERENCE FORM			FILE THIS FORM IN FILE NO.	
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